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SUBJECT: MIKI VISIT PAPER: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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1. JAPAN'S RELIANCE UPON U.S. AS SOURCE OF VITAL FOOD SUPPLIES IS PERHAPS SECOND ONLY TO DEFENSE CONSIDERATIONS IN IMPORTANCE AS PILLAR OF U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS. DEPENDABLE SOURCES OF SUPPLY CONTINUE TO BE JAPAN'S OVERRIDING CONCERN IN THIS AREA. FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS ARE RELEVANT:

2. JAPAN IMPORTS ROUGHLY HALF OF ITS FOOD NEEDS (CALCULATED ON CALORIC BASE WHICH INCLUDES FEED GRAINS). THE U.S. HAS BEEN ITS MOST DEPENDABLE SUPPLIER OVER THE YEARS AND PRIZES JAPAN AS ITS MOST IMPORTANT CUSTOMER FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. (EVEN DURING 1973 SOYBEAN EMBARGO JAPAN'S FULL IMPORT NEEDS WERE MET AND SOYBEAN RESERVES REACHED RECORD LEVELS). JAPANESE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE U.S. HAS IMPLETMENTED AN ALL-OUT PRODUCTION POLICY. OUTLOOK IS FOR RECORD CROPS THIS YEAR.

3. THE U.S. NEEDS DEPENDABLE AGRICULTURAL MARKETS.

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INDICATIONS OF OVERSEAS REQUIREMENTS AND ADEQUATE PRICES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO U.S. PRODUCERS. WE WOULD LIKE LONGER TERM PURCHEASE COMMITMENTS FROM JAPAN AND A WILLINGNESS ON JAPAN'S PART TO HOLD AN INCREASED

SHARE OF RESERVES. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE JAPAN'S MARKET IS UNDULY RESTRICTED BY QUOTAS AND HIGH AND/OR SEASONAL DUTIES ON SUCH PRODUCTS AS BEEF, PORK, FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND CONCENTRATED CITRUS JUICES; EASING OF RESTRICTIONS IN THESE AREAS WOULD BENEFIT JAPANESE CONSUMERS BY INCREASING VARIETY AND AVAILABILITY OF FOODS AT LOWER PRICES.

4. FOOD RESERVES. NEGOTIATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL AND MTN ARE UNDER WAY TO DETERMINE LEVEL OF WORLD FOOD RESERVES AND EACH COUNTRY'S FAIR SHARE. JAPAN HAS TRADITIONALLY HELD SMALL STOCKS AND DEPENDED ON EXPORTERS SUCH AS U.S. TO MAINTAIN RESERVES AND PROVIDE SUPPLIES WHEN NEEDED. SITUATION IN PAST TWO YEARS HAS CAUSED JAPAN TO CONSIDER CARRYING LARGER FOOD STOCKS TO PROVIDE ADDED ASSURANCE TO CONSUMERS THAT ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FOOD WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN LIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S EXPECTED RECORD FOOD PRODUCTION IN U.S. WE BELIEVE JAPAN SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO INCREASE ITS FOOD STOCKPILES. JAPANESE HAVE MADE NO FINAL DECISIONS ON HOW LARGE ITS FOOD RESERVES SHOULD BE AND CONVINCING ARGUMENTS FROM US COULD BE INFLUENTIAL.
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